



**BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT  
NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

<b>Biennial Meeting</b>	The Biennial Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Auditorium of Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Wilderman's Way, in the City of Middletown on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
<b>Present</b>	His Honor Daniel T. Drew; Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Mary A. Bartolotta, Gerald E. Daley, Robert P. Santangelo, Hope P. Kasper, Grady L. Faulkner, and Deborah A. Kleckowski; and Mayor-elect Daniel T. Drew; Council Members-Elect Thomas J. Serra, Mary A. Bartolotta, Hope P. Kasper, Robert P. Santangelo, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Carl Chisem, Gerald E. Daley, James B. Streeto, Sebastian N. Giuliano, Sandra Russo Driska, Deborah A. Kleckowski and David Bauer; Treasurer-Elect Quentin W. Phipps; Board of Education Members-Elect Vincent J. Loffredo, Franca Biales, Sheila Daniels and Linda Szykownicz; Planning and Zoning Members-Elect Stephen H. Devoto, Jeremy Clark, and Robert Simpson; Planning and Zoning Alternate (none); Board of Assessment Appeals Members-Elect Salvatore Micciulla, Arista F. Partiss, and Jon Pulino; Police Chief William McKenna, Deputy Police Chief Michael Timbro, and Deputy Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger and Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.
<b>Absent</b>	Council Members Philip J. Pessina, Joseph E. Bibisi, Todd G. Berch, and Linda Salafia.
<b>Also Present</b>	The Honorable Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman; Rabbi Seth Haaz and Reverend Moses Harvill, and 160 members of the public.
<b>Presentation of the Flag</b>	<p>The presentation of colors is made by the Police Honor Guard. Chief of Police William McKenna escorts the Mayor-elect Daniel T. Drew and the Honorable Nancy Wyman, Lieutenant Governor.</p> <p>Deputy Chief of Police Michael Timbro and Deputy Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger escort the elected officials to their seats</p> <p>The National Anthem is sung by Yvette Early; the Pledge of Allegiance is led by Carson Fitzner, President and Madyson Fitzner, Vice President of the Woodrow Wilson Middle School Student Council.</p>
<b>Invocation</b>	Rabbi Seth Haaz delivers the invocation.
<b>Oath of Office Administered To Mayor-Elect, Daniel T. Drew</b>	<p>The Clerk introduces the Mayor-elect and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Connecticut, the Honorable Nancy Wyman who will deliver the oath of office. Ms Wyman thanks everyone around her for this honor to be part of this ceremony and congratulates the Mayor. She states that the hearthstone job is done by the locally-elected officials; the Governor and I go from Town to Town. She states remember just to be nice to people. She asks the Mayor family to come forward. The Chief of Police escorts them to the stage. Lt. Gov. Wyman thanks the Mayor for his service and leadership and may you be blessed for the next two years; she thanks the Mayor's wife for supporting her husband and the family for supporting their father.</p> <p>Lt Gov. Wyman administers the oath of office with Mayor. Drew responding I Do. She offers congratulations. Mayor Drew thanks the Lt. Governor for her service and friendship to Middletown. It is an honor to have you here tonight and appreciates what you do on behalf of the City and the State.</p>
<b>Meeting Opens</b>	<p>Mayor Drew calls the meeting to order.</p> <p>Mayor Drew asks the Police Honor Guard to escort, individually, the Common Council Members-Elect to the rostrum and administers the Oath of Office to each member. He administers the following oath of office to Thomas J. Serra, Mary A. Bartolotta, Hope P. Kasper, Robert P. Santangelo, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Carl R. Chisem, Gerald E. Daley, James B. Streeto, Sebastian N. Giuliano, Sandra Russo-Driska, Deborah Kleckowski, and David Bauer.</p> <p>For the swearing-in of Councilwoman Russo Driska, the Mayor asks the Town Clerk, Linda Bettencourt to join him on stage.</p>

**Oath of Office  
Administered to  
Council Members-Elect**

"You, \_\_\_\_\_, having been elected as a member of the Common Council of the City of Middletown for a term to November 10, 2015, do swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to your best skill and judgment, so help you God."

Each member so swears.

The Mayor asks the Police Honor Guard to escort the Treasurer-Elect to the rostrum and administers the Oath of Office. He administers the following oath of office to Quentin W. Phipps

**Oath of Office  
Treasurer-Elect**

You, \_\_\_\_\_, having been elected as Treasurer of the City of Middletown, for a term to November 10, 2015, do swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to your best skill and judgment, so help you God."

Mr. Phipps so swears.

Mayor Drew asks the Police Honor Guard to escort, individually, the Board of Education Members-Elect to the rostrum and administers the Oath of Office to each member. He administers the following oath of office Vincent J. Loffredo, Franca A. Biales, Sheila C. Daniels, and Linda Szyrkowicz.

**Oath of Office  
Administered to  
Board of Education,  
Members-Elect**

You, \_\_\_\_\_, having been elected a Member of the Board of Education of the City of Middletown, for a term to November 14, 2017, do swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to your best skill and judgment, so help you God."

Each member so swears.

The Mayor asks the Police Honor Guard to escort the Planning and Zoning Commission Members-Elect to the rostrum and administers the Oath of Office. He administers the following oath of office to Stephen H. Devoto, Jeremy Clark, and Robert Simpson.

**Oath of Office  
Administered to  
Planning and Zoning  
Commission  
Members-Elect**

"You, \_\_\_\_\_, having been elected a Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Middletown, for a term to November 14, 2017, do swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to your best skill and judgment, so help you God."

Each member so swears.

The Mayor asks the Police Honor Guard to escort the Board of Assessment Appeals Members-Elect to the rostrum and administers the Oath of Office. He administers the following oath of office to Salvatore Micciulla, Aristia F. Partiss, and Jon Pulino

**Administered to  
Board of Assessment  
Appeals  
Members-Elect**

"You, \_\_\_\_\_, having been elected a Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals of the City of Middletown, for a term to November 10, 2015, do swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to your best skill and judgment, so help you God."

Each member so swears.

Mayor Drew congratulates all the elected officials and states he is looking forward to working with you. He looks forward to working for the betterment of the city. He thanks Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman for her devotion to the City and the State. They have done well because of that devotion she has for the communities and what we go through in governing locally. He asks that she extend the City's appreciation to the Governor as well. He thanks the Council Clerk Marie Norwood for putting together tonight's event as well as his office staff, Linda DeSena, Karen Atwell and Sheila Jones who work hard for the citizens and thanks them for the work they do. He recognizes Representatives Jose Serra and Matthew Lesser; he recognizes Joseph Marino, Probate Judge and thanks all the elected officials in the audience and asks they raise their hands; he thanks them for their service. He recognizes Sal Nesci for the refreshments that will be available after the meeting. On a personal note, he thanks his family, his wife, Katie and his children as well as his Mom and Dad without whose support, he could not do all he does. Many of you have expressed your good wishes during his wife's illness and that they are praying for her and this brings focus on what really matters. He recognizes his wife and mother by presenting them with flowers. His children greet him with laughs and smiles and are not impressed by the office he holds. He thanks Superintendent Charles, Chairman Gene Nocera and Vice Chair Sheila Daniels, Principal Cassella, Rabbi Haaz and Reverend Harvill. He also thanks four people who have given service to the City for a long Time, retiring Council members Ronald P. Klattenberg, Todd G. Berch, Philip J. Pessina, and Joseph E. Bibisi. He quotes the 28<sup>th</sup> President, Woodrow Wilson. He lived during a period of history that was polarized along many lines. In Middletown, they have done better and our community is more important than what divides us. What we have in common is stronger and durable than what separates us. Our charge is to work together because we all want the same things. We differ in how to get there. It is important to work together and in the process of working together that we have more in common and more that we share than what converges. We have worked hand in hand for the City and he hears from everyone about what Middletown has done; he tells them that was done over many years, many Councils and many Mayors and that is what sets Middletown apart. In 2009, the Community Health Center wanted to expand and a parking lot owned by the City is where they wanted to build. Eli Canon's used the lot and the owner, Phil Ouellette recognized the construction was important to everyone even though business would be inconvenienced; it wasn't about me, it was about we. He lived for several years with the inconvenience, but the North End grew with the development and a higher dream was effected. That is why as Mayor, he merged departments. That is why he did the Senior Tax Relief Program. Our riverfront if done right will be here 100 years from now after we are gone. My children's great grandchildren will be walking along the riverfront because we could get it done right. If we work together we can build things that last longer than us. That is why we are here. That spirit of working together will help us craft a better Middletown. We have great teachers like John Geary and Principal Cassella. If we educate our children right, then they will take this into the workplace and they will meet others, but their experiences will be affected by what happens here. The people they meet and what they learn and if we do our job, when they go into the world and impact others, they will have an exponentially supportive effect on the world. We can come together and reassess and make sure we do it right for the future. He quotes from Woodrow Wilson about working for the common good.

God Bless You, and God Bless the City of Middletown, and the United States of America.

**Benediction and Closing**

The Mayor asks Reverend Moses Harvill. to come forward for the closing benediction.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Mayor Drew states he will entertain a motion to adjourn. Councilman Serra moves for adjournment and is seconded by Councilwoman Bartolotta. The vote is unanimous to adjourn. The Mayor declares the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK